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For:	<u>VARIABLE VALVE APPARATUS AND METHODS</u>		

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Sir:

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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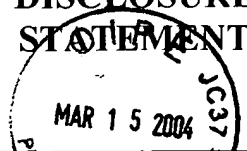
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